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Grave Warnings Against Passing Punitive Labor Laws

Management, Legislators

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Reacting to the growing hue-and-cry for punitive Labor laws, industrial and legislative leaders have taken a firm stand on grounds that such laws will not bring Labor peace, but that the key to Labor-management relations rests, rather, in full co-operation—the formula laid down by AFL President William Green.

Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker Corp. and chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, urged management to "show statesmanship and turn its back" on proposals for punitive Labor legislation.

Management should favor legislation which "is fair and promotes peace in Labor relations," Hoffman told the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Resentment Would Be Created

If anti-Labor bills are passed, Hoffman said, they will create resentment which will increase strikes and cause employers and the general public "to suffer terribly."

Hoffman said that at present management begins collective bargaining with authority to stage a lockout if its terms are not met, and Labor leaders begin negotiations with "a blind strike vote in their pockets."

"Is a loaded pistol a proper bargaining tool?" he asked.

Lloyd K. Garrison, former dean of the Wisconsin U. Law School and a former member of Government Agencies, including the War Labor Board, said:

"I think we shall make little progress toward avoiding large scale strikes under our system of free enterprise so long as we continue to pin our hopes on legislative devices.

Progressive Steps Necessary

"We can only make progress by agreement. * * * Leaders of industry and Labor, with such aid and support as the government can give, must together work out the rules of the game and the structure of settlement which we so imperatively need.

"Only by a combined and sustained effort of this sort can we hope to make lasting progress. There are no easy solutions. There never are in a democracy."

Garrison insisted also that industrial peace hinges on solving the Nation's over-all social and economic problems.

Oswald D. Heck, Republican Assembly Speaker, told the New York Federation of Labor Legislative Conference that "there will be no ill-considered, precipitous anti-Labor legislation in this State as a result of the recent national election."

Collective Bargaining Fundamental

Addressing 250 AFL delegates assembled to draft recommendations on Labor legislation, Mr. Heck said: "I think you will agree that we have done a swell job for Labor in this State—we will continue to do so."

Benjamin F. Feinberg, Republican Majority Leader of the Senate, declared: "Labor's right to bargain collectively must remain as a fundamental principle of our unwritten bill of rights and the corollary right to strike must not be infringed."

Mr. Feinberg said that the present State administration "believes in viewing Labor and management as equal partners without favor or prejudice shown toward either."

Those who hope to end industrial strife by having the government crack down on workers are in for a disappointment. That urgent warning was sounded by Edgar L. Warren, chief of the U. S. Conciliation Service.

Government Directive Not Answer

He pointed out that, with the removal of wage controls, this Nation has now embarked on a "policy of free collective bargaining," and it should place its main reliance on such policy.

"That does not mean the government is powerless in Labor matters," he said. "But it does mean that persuasion has been substituted for compulsion.

"I do not believe the government can successfully substitute its own decisions for voluntary agreements worked out over the bargaining table by representatives of Labor and management.

"Industrial peace cannot be established by government directive. Peace in industry can only be achieved by reasonable unions and responsible management."

Nail Output Improving

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—The current high rate of nail shipments, if uninterrupted, should soon relieve the shortage of this product, according to a survey by the American Iron and Steel Institute.

Copy for Labor Clarion

Again the *Labor Clarion* will request the indulgence of those submitting copy for publication. The Christmas and New Year holidays make it necessary to move our deadline up one day. The schedule will prevail for the following dates only:

Issue	Deadline
December 27.....	December 23
January 3.....	December 30

State Anti-Labor Campaign Appears

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—In a campaign calculated to soften legislators for the drive being readied for the coming session of the State legislature to cripple the Unemployment Act and to wreck what is left of USES since it has been transferred to State control, the California Manufacturers' Association is barraging the various government officials with crass and undisguised propaganda, purporting to show the results of what this organization chooses to call a "spot survey revealing thousands of job opportunities while the lazy few 'vacation' at public expense." Letters, allegedly received from employers, are listed, all of which were sent to the respondents to the inquiry and it is evident that the reports easily been prepared in the offices of the California Manufacturers' Association.

This is the kind of material with which various governmental officials are being deluged in order to impress them with the propaganda unleashed by the CMA in preparation for its fight against the USES and unemployment insurance.

Evidencing the unconcealed prejudice and determination to create an atmosphere hostile to Labor is the following excerpt from the first of the 13 pages of propaganda just issued by the CMA:

"Attached is the second of a series of letters to government officials.

"Survey shows clearly that jobs are available, but the lazy few manage to avoid them—all the time staying on the dole unnecessarily at the taxpayers' expense.

"Your comments to the public—through press, radio, speeches AND PERSONAL LETTERS—will help correct these abuses."

The language of this appeal speaks for itself. It is calculated to mobilize and vocalize in behalf of this anti-Labor drive all the employers that this organization can influence in order to shape public opinion and antagonize it against Labor. The vicious tone of the propaganda is nearly unprecedented, and is reminiscent of the early stages of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association's work in Southern California.

AFL Legislative Program For South Recommended

ATLANTA (ILNS)—A comprehensive legislative program to benefit Southern workers was approved here by the American Federation of Labor Southern Organizing Policy Board, in a two-day conference. The board said the program "stands a very good chance of approval by legislatures in the South because it is generally noncontroversial."

Highlights of the recommendations, adopted at a meeting of 42 AFL representatives from 14 Southern States, included: Extension of workmen's accident compensation laws to include occupational diseases; boiler-inspection measures to insure prevention of explosions; revision upward to a maximum of \$30 weekly of accident benefit scales under workmen's compensation laws; improved child labor laws which would standardize the regulation of child employment in intra-State commerce at a level with federal regulations of such employment in interstate commerce.

Air Mail Flow Increases

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Recent reduction to a 5-cent air mail charge has boosted transportation of mail by that method by 40 per cent, former Representative Ramspeck reported at a meeting here. He is now executive vice-president of the Air Transport Association.

President William Green

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—Any business man who advocates anti-Labor legislation is "digging his own grave and the grave of the free enterprise system," President William Green of the American Federation of Labor warned here.

"Anti-Labor legislation is nothing else than government control of Labor," he declared. "Once the entering wedge is achieved, government controls inevitably will be applied against private industry as well as against Labor."

President Green, speaking before 900 guests at the annual dinner of the Queens Borough Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Commodore, pointed out that such controls, if enacted, would be of very dubious value.

Asks Spurning of Compulsion

"Does any practical business man," he asked, "believe that you can prevent or abolish strikes merely by passing a law? Don't we have sweeping laws on our statute books today, laws under which our government can exercise almost unlimited wartime powers even though the war ended more than a year ago? Have these laws served to prevent work stoppages?"

"Has it come to the point where the only remedy industry and management can find for the settlement of Labor-management disputes is the law of force and compulsion? Does American industry prefer to deal with labor rather than free labor?"

your own interests, for the interests of business as the Nation as a whole, I advise you to reject the policies of the vengeful but vociferous minority who would turn over control of your relations with your employees into the hands of the bureaucrats."

Sees Challenge to Freedom

Characterizing the United States as the "last citadel" of true freedom, Green said that our free enterprise system "must demonstrate its superiority over nationalization of industry and all forms of socialism."

This challenge, he declared can be met if Labor and management recognize their personal and public responsibilities, pursue genuine collective bargaining, adopt voluntary arbitration and every other possible means to avert Labor disputes, create Labor-management committees and give continued recognition to Labor's right to organize.

"I assure you that this solution lies within our grasp," he said. "Labor is just as anxious to achieve it as the leaders of industry."

Arguments on Legality of L. A. Police Union to Be Heard Soon

LOS ANGELES—The California District Court of Appeal will hear arguments on the legality of Mayor Fletcher Bowron's campaign to bar Los Angeles policemen from AFL membership on December 16 at 10 a. m.

The rule against affiliation with Los Angeles Police Department Local No. 665 was adopted by the Police Commission last March 12, but discharge of officers who refuse to quit the union was restrained by Superior Court Judge Henry M. Willis pending completion of this appeal from his decision upholding the power of the city to forbid members of the police force to belong to a national Labor organization.

Arguments attacking the anti-union restriction as "unreasonable, arbitrary, and in violation of the constitutional rights of these police officers" have been prepared for submission to the District Court of Appeal by Robert W. Gilbert, attorney for Local No. 665 and the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, and Joseph A. Padway, general counsel for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the AFL.

New Labor Movement in S. F.

There's a new Labor Movement in San Francisco! It's a movement against dreaded infantile paralysis, which has struck repeatedly in this area year after year. The "March of Dimes" campaign is still a month and a half away, yet Labor in this community is getting ready to throw its full support behind the movement to eradicate the disease. Labor Council Secretary John A. O'Connell stated: "The 'March of Dimes' has done a remarkable job against polio and I feel that AFL Labor in this community can well afford to lend its full support to the drive to raise funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

Unions Support Hanna Boys Center Fund Drive

Ever willing to support worthy causes calculated to improve the community life of San Francisco, Labor actively engaged in the fund-raising campaign for the establishment of the Archbishop Edward J. Hanna Center for Boys. Some weeks ago, a resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council urging constituent unions to give all support possible to the worthy endeavor. An immediate response was had to the appeal. Bartenders' Union, No. 41, recently voted \$1,500 to the fund.

Dan Flanagan, AFL Western Representative, and Thomas White, secretary and business representative of Warehousemen's Union, No. 860, authors of the above-mentioned resolution, sent letters to all AFL unions pointing out the fact that the Labor Council had endorsed the drive for such a worthy civic endeavor and urged unions to make contributions to the fund. While the drive is nearing its quota of \$975,000, the response to the Labor appeal is continuing. The center will care for boys from broken homes who otherwise would be deprived of their heritage of a wholesome childhood. The site selected will be near Danville, Calif. The home is non-sectarian in its field.

State Civil Service Exams

Tailor—Closing date for applications, January 14; examination date, February 4, and salary range is \$240 through \$270. The position is at Patton State Hospital.

Cannery Inspector—Examination January 7; salary range from \$240 to \$385 month.

Orchestra and Band Leader—Examination January 7; salary \$230.

Laundryman—Examination January 11; salary \$170. File applications with State Personnel Board offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles or Sacramento approximately three weeks before date set for tests.

Purchasing Facts

CORN REMOVERS

"Sure cure," "secret ingredients," "speedy cure,"—these were manufacturers' claims for 49 brands of corn removers, liquids, salves, and plasters—tested by Consumers Union. The products actually ranged from the practically ineffective to the downright dangerous, and included some which might be helpful in removing certain types of corns. CU considered dangerous and rated "not acceptable" all corn removers which require the use of a knife or "bladed instrument" to remove the corn. CU warns against cutting a corn, applying corn remover anywhere except right on the corn itself, or using a corn remover on an infected corn.

Since corns are very frequently caused by poorly fitting shoes, the first step in their treatment is to change to properly fitting footwear and keep it in good repair.

Both liquid and salve corn removers should be used with corn pads. "Acceptable" liquids are, according to Consumers Union, Dr. Scholl's Corn Callous Remover No. 40, and Sears Approved Liquid Corn Remover, Cat. No. 1295. "Acceptable" salves, Acnoid No. 1, and One Night Corn Kit. "Acceptable" plasters, Macy's Felt Corn Pads, and Devine's Corn Plaster.

(Authority: Consumers Union)

Green Backs Xmas Seal Sales

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—An urgent appeal to workers to support the Christmas Seal drive of the National Tuberculosis Association was issued by AFL President William Green.

U. S. Naval Shipyard at Hunters' Point is in need of electricians, according to the yard's personnel director. Applicants should clear through Electricians' Union, or inquire at the personnel office at the yard.

The Best Present of All—Your Presence!

With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council announced a Nationwide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

Statistics prove the Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year. More than three times as many deaths occur during the actual Christmas holidays than on the same days of the week the remainder of the year, according to the council.

The normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, and longer period of darkness, are increased by heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season.

The council's campaign has been joined by more than 130 national organizations, city and State public officials and civic leaders. It seeks to create in the public mind an awareness of the special holiday hazards, and to enlist voluntary co-operation on the part of every individual to hold accidents to a minimum this Christmas.

The council emphasized that the campaign is the final effort of the year to bring the 1946 traffic death toll down nearer to the 1945 total of 28,600. Such deaths, which increased alarmingly after V-J Day brought an end to driving restrictions, were running 30 per cent over last year at the end of the first nine months of 1946.

In San Francisco so far this year there have been 114 deaths reported.

"Every thinking person realizes the importance of preventing accidents at this or any other time of the year," said Henry E. North, president of the safety council. "The deaths, injuries and financial loss due to preventable accidents are intolerable at any time, but it seems to us that during the Christmas season everyone should be especially aware of what an accident in the family can mean."

"The Christmas season is the family season, the time of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties in our Nation. It is truly a time of happiness."

"Yet the lighted windows of many homes this Christmas will be dimmed by the shadow of an accident, and many a festive family gathering will become an occasion of sadness. It can and it will happen all too often. But it need not happen! A little forethought, a little extra care, will give your family the best present of all—your presence."

AFL Charge Supported

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—In a report which backs up charges made by the American Federation of Labor against present coverage and benefits of State workmen's compensation systems, the U. S. Department of Labor declared that State legislatures have failed to increase benefits in line with higher wages and living costs. "In the last 10 years, in the face of much social progress along many lines, workmen's compensation benefits have steadily lost ground," Richard Fondiller, consulting actuary, said in a summary to the Labor Department. Maximum weekly payments are as high as \$30 in California and Connecticut; \$18 to \$25 in the majority of States, but all are only a fraction of current wages when earnings are relatively high, the report said.

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AFL Los Angeles Unions Win at Union Carbide

LOS ANGELES—Despite many obstacles including the threat of a company union in the production employee unit, legitimate trade unionism was established last week at the Los Angeles, California, plant of the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation. Bargaining rights were assured to Local 212 of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths, Drop Forgers, Welders and Helpers and Local 30 of the Office Employees' International Union, both AFL, when the two organizations emerged victorious from secret ballot elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The office workers' union won by a clear margin of 11 to 1, but the results were close among the production and maintenance employees, where the blacksmiths were chosen as bargaining agents by the slim margin of 76 to 65. The tally in the blacksmiths' union election was accounted for by the fact that a company union appeared on the bargaining scene shortly after the AFL organization had filed its petition with the National Labor Relations Board, patterned closely after the independent union already established at the Newark, New Jersey, plant of the company.

Attorney Bob Gilbert, Labor union consultant, represented both unions in proceedings before the NLRB, and negotiations leading to stipulations for the consent elections, explained that the lengthy procedures of the board would have deprived the employees of bargaining rights for many months if the blacksmiths' union had chosen to litigate the status of the independent union as a bona fide Labor organization within the meaning of the Wagner Act. Gilbert said that the election outcome demonstrated that the officials of Local 212 were justified in taking this necessary risk by agreeing that the AFL local would appear on the ballot against the so-called independent outfit, which received a mere sprinkling of votes at the election.

Union representatives who participated in the NLRB proceedings included Paul Graham, business representative for the Blacksmiths, and William Ring, business representative for OEIU, Local 30.

Labor Information Bulletin

WASHINGTON.—Wearing new dress, containing many articles of primary interest to union membership, and bearing new and attractive format, the improved *Labor Information Bulletin*, monthly publication of the U. S. Department of Labor, appeared for the first time this week. Herbert Little, Director of Information, is editor of the *Bulletin*, with Marian McGovern, of his staff, as managing editor. Subscriptions to the *Labor Information Bulletin* are available in the United States at \$1.00 a year; single copies 10 cents.

Boys' Town Item

BOYS TOWN, Nebr. (AFLN)—At a cost of some \$6,000,000, the unique community of Boys Town, near Omaha, is rushing through new construction and equipment to take care of its overcrowded population. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward J. Flanagan, founder and director of this 30-year-old enterprise, has found that he must lower the minimum age at which he will accept boys for his home from 12 to 6. Population displacements brought on by war production made it necessary to consider new factors. The boys who form 85 per cent of the "citizens" of Boys Town became homeless between the ages of 12 and 16.

Glass Containers Up Again

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Shipments of glass containers, for the second time this year, exceeded 10,000,000 gross, according to figures released by the Census Bureau. Total shipments reported for October were 10,500,000 gross, only 135,000 gross below the figure reached in August, which was the post-war record.

Union Label Column

The *Labor Clarion* is reprinting for your guidance a revised list of union shoe and clothing stores. The list was prepared by Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen's Union, No. 410. When shopping in the large department stores, demand a union clerk affiliated with Retail Department Store Clerk's Union, No. 1100. For information on union printed magazines, a call to the Allied Printing Trades Council office, EXbrook 2758, will give you data in that field.

Harmony72 Market
Lundstrom Hat.....230 Market
Harmony585 Market
Newton's652 Market
Florsheim Shoe.....680 Market
GallenKamp714 Market
Price's718 Market
Austin Shoe719 Market
Lundstrom Hat.....724 Market
Eagleson & Co.....726 Market
K. A. Lundstrom.....754 Market
Florsheim Shoe.....756 Market
Nunn-Bush Shoe.....824 Market
Florsheim Shoe.....884 Market
GallenKamp900 Market
Gray's902 Market
Reeves925 Market
Howard's920 Market
GallenKamp979 Market
Stanley's994 Market
Summerfield &

Haines997 Market
*Weinstein1041 Market
Kirby's No. 1.....1055 Market
GallenKamp1105 Market
Holtz Bros.1117 Market
Army & Navy.....1133 Market
Boyd's1165 Market
Hartman's1184 Market
GallenKamp2026 Mission
Bohr's2054 Mission
Diller's

Mercantile2074 Mission
Crosby Shoe.....2086 Mission
Fashion Clothing Co.2034 Mission
Kahn's2330 Mission
Karl's Shoe.....2338 Mission
Siegel's2366 Mission
Joseph's2376 Mission
Yorkshire2401 Mission
Bender's2412 Mission
Art Holl2440 Mission
Lundstrom Hat.....2498 Mission
GallenKamp2500 Mission
Kirby's No. 3.....2516 Mission
Byron's2526 Mission
*Columbia Outfitting Co.2600 Mission
Steinberg's2650 Mission
GallenKamp2710 Mission
Karl's Shoe.....2756 Mission
The Hub.....2786 Mission
F. Holl3020 Mission

* Shoe Departments.

GallenKamp4500 Mission
Farrah Shoe.....4770 Mission
*Sears-Roebuck Co.Army & Mission
Square Deal.....1041 Fillmore
GallenKamp1058 Fillmore
Austin Shoe.....1350 Fillmore
Uptown
Clothiers1360 Fillmore
Altman's1449 Fillmore
Diller's

Mercantile1511 Fillmore
Karl's Shoe.....1527 Fillmore
W. T. Gardner1563 Fillmore
Kaufman's1607 Fillmore
Louis Haber-dashery1608 Fillmore
Kirby's No. 2.....1655 Fillmore
GallenKamp1698 Fillmore
Capitol Store.....52 Third
Douglas Shoe.....58 Third
Schneider's90 Third
Ray Logan Shoe.....92 Third
Rochester Clothing.....100 Third
Max's Men's.....130 Third
The Favorite.....162 Third
Sam's Shoe.....4634 Third
Nunn-Bush Shoe.....121 Kearny
Lundstrom Hat.....148 Kearny
Hirsch & Price949 Kearny
Bond Clothing Post & Kearny
Austin Shoe.....11 Embarcadero
Holcenberg61 Embarcadero
Home Clothing.....568 Larkin
*Ransohoffs259 Post
Joe Harris.....16 Sacramento
GallenKamp1401 Stockton
GallenKampHaight-Ashtury
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GallenKamp1609 Polk
GallenKamp5657 Geary
GallenKamp2169 Chestnut
Bloom's2464 Mission
Jerome's239 W. Portal
New Portal

Bottery50 W. Portal
George's Men's Shops.....968, 926, 720 Market
Ed Selig.....100 Powell
Regal Shoe Stores.....960, 585-B Market
Dundee's2581 Mission
S. F. Clothing.....1147 Market

Furniture Store Sales Up

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—October furniture store sales in the Second Federal Reserve District increased 25 per cent, compared with the like month last year, according to the monthly report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Cash sales were up 47 per cent and credit sales gained 17 per cent. Accounts receivable, collections and stock on hand recorded increases of 26, 32 and 64 per cent, respectively.

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Local Musicians' Union To Hold Annual Election

The annual election of officers for Musicians' Union, No. 6, will be held locally Thursday, December 19, and in Oakland the members will vote on Wednesday, December 18. According to the *Musical News*, the union monthly official journal, 13 amendments to the constitution and by-laws will be voted on by the membership on the above dates.

President Ed. S. Moore will be opposed by Chet Patnoe. For recording secretary, at time of going to press, Incumbent Jack Haywood will be opposed by Albert A. Greenbaum and Charles H. Kennedy. For the office of San Francisco business agent, Eddie Burns' opponent will be Arthur Linden. Clark Wilson will oppose Walter A. Weber, incumbent, for the vice-presidency. Apparently without opposition was James J. Voss, the union's financial secretary-treasurer. Only one race developed for secretary of an outside branch. The candidates for secretary, San Mateo county branch, being Lew Miller, Philip M. Schoenfeld, and Elmer Vincent Sr., the present office holder.

A considerable number of candidates appear for the board of directors of the union, as well as for other committees and delegations. The *Labor Clarion* will endeavor to print the complete result of the election in a later issue.

Pay of 300,000 Studied

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Machinery to bring about wage increases for 300,000 workers in six industries in this State was set in motion here by the State Labor Department. The legal minimums, it was pointed out, had not been revised since they were adopted originally in 1938, despite a 50 per cent rise in the cost of living. State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi started the process by appointing three new wage boards to recommend minimum revisions for 158,000 workers in the restaurant industry, 98,000 in the hotel industry, and 37,000 in the laundry industry.

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Nationalization and Labor

Now that British coal mining has been placed under public ownership, a bill nationalizing transportation is next on the list of Parliament. The Labor Government plans to take over, on January 1, 1948, virtually all the road, rail and inland waterway transport systems, as well as a large part of the nation's hotels.

This, we understand, is the most ambitious nationalization scheme yet undertaken by a democratic government. Among the items to be taken over: 60 railroad companies (including hotels, dockyards, ferries and other enterprises owned by the railroads); 52,000 miles of railroad track; 558,152 freight cars; 1,640 navigable miles of canals; 150,000 trucks and 53,000 buses. Every penny of compensatory costs, said to exceed two billion pounds or \$10,000,000,000, will have to be borne by the already overburdened British taxpayer.

As Americans we have a distant interest in the attempt to change the character of the British economy. As workers we are bound to ask ourselves, what does nationalization mean and to what extent will it benefit a genuine democratic trade union movement? American Labor's answer to the lures of nationalization is a resounding NO, we believe.

Some time ago, a report in the *United Mine Workers Journal* stated: "The British coal miners fought for nationalization of the mines for years. Now that it has come they find no benefit in it; the work is just as hard and hazardous, and the union has no more say about running the industry than it did under private ownership. As the years pass the union will probably have less to say as the government entrenches itself in the mines."

Public ownership of transportation is likely to have a similar disturbing effect on the million British transport employees and their unions. Confused economic thinkers may hail nationalization as a blessing to the working people. We, on our part, are strictly from Missouri. We suspect that nationalization of the industrial means of the workers' livelihood may become a handy device to deprive Organized Labor of the gains it so valiantly fought to achieve.

Unfair Employers Pay Up

(From *International Molders and Foundry Workers' Journal*)

Who would have thought that we had so many unfair employers in this country! According to one of the regional directors of the Fair Labor Standards Act, nearly \$100,000,000 in back wages have been secured for two and one-half million workers.

This amount has been withheld in violation of the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the act, as this amount rightly belonged to the workers. The employers tried to keep this large sum for themselves. If there had been no law, no doubt many more would have withheld money that belonged to workers.

The Fair Labor Standards Act has been in effect since October 24, 1938. Everybody should be for it.

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

Sightem of the week . . . all the "pink tags" flying in the breeze on the windshields of the cars parked in front of the Labor Temple!

Just returned from a week spent in Long Beach is Bernice Flynn.

Jimmy Doyle and Eddie Malady both directing traffic in the lobby of the Labor Temple now that the elevator is under construction. We have only one suggestion in reference to using the stairs and that is, "keep to the right!" . . . remember (as on the ladder of success) you may meet the same people going up when you're on the way down!!

Let us again remind you to use your Christmas Seals on all your letters and packages.

TRADE UNIONS

By WILLIAM TRANT

(Continued From Last Week)

It may be gathered, then, that the principle of combination amongst the work people was rapidly progressing, and was met under the Tudors and Stuarts in a spirit which, it is to be regretted, is not wholly extinct at the present day, as recent events have shown.

It is not surprising that this state of affairs should have impressed the thinking minds of the period; and that the causes and remedies should be considered. Statesmen and persons of influence began to acknowledge the justice of the demands of the workpeople. In Sir Thomas More's *Utopia* the great statesman advocates almost all the reforms that have taken place since his day, and many that have not yet been accomplished. Indeed, as Mr. J. R. Green points out, "In his treatment of the question of labor he still remains far in advance of current opinion. The whole system of society around him seemed to him 'nothing but a conspiracy of the rich against the poor.' Its economic legislation was simply the carrying out of such a conspiracy by process of law. The rich are ever striving to pare away something further from the daily wages of the poor by private fraud, and even by public law, so that the wrong already existing (for it is a wrong that those from whom the State derives most benefit should receive least reward) is made yet greater by means of the law of the State."

"The rich devise every means by which they may in the first place secure to themselves what they have amassed by wrong, and then take to their own use and profit at the lowest possible price the work and labor of the poor." The result was the wretched existence to which the labor class was doomed—"a life so wretched that even a beast's life seems enviable." More then gives his remedies. The end of labor laws, he says, should be the welfare of the laborer. Labor should be compulsory with all. Unless a man work, neither shall he eat. Even in those days, 1516, More demanded that the period of toil should be shortened to nine hours, with a view to the intellectual improvement of the worker; there must be also, he pleaded, "a public system of education," comfortable homes for the people, complete toleration and equality of all religions, and much more in the same strain.

I do not suppose that any book that was ever written has done so much for the working classes as the *Utopia*, written by the proposer of the nine hours system more than three hundred years ago. The general progress of civilization, even, had its drawbacks as regards the humbler classes. The general diffusion of the art of printing, the great geographical discoveries effected in the sixteenth century, and the general activity which prevailed throughout Europe immediately after the Reformation, gave a great stimulus to trade and commerce, the effects of which were long felt. This, of course, had a beneficial influence. It had, however, some drawbacks. Amongst them may be mentioned that in the seventeenth century the practice of setting children prematurely to work prevailed to a very large extent. At Norwich, the chief seat of the clothing trade, children began to work at six years old, and earned not the "insignificant trifle" which was paid to the little sufferers forty years ago, but very much more than was necessary for their own sustenance. In the opposition which was shown at the time to this inhumanity is to be discerned the dawn of the Factory Acts, and of the opposition which was subsequently offered by Trade Unions to the overworking of youths and children.

I must mention another kind of legislation that emphasized the evils already indicated. A state of affairs had been produced which created a class who required not only work, but food, and it was sought to remedy the evil by the enactment of poor laws. I must refer the reader elsewhere for an account of statutes whose chief result was the manufacture of paupers, and whose only effect could be to make the poor, poorer. It will be sufficient to say here that the Justices in quarter sessions had the power to fix wages, a power that continued under legal sanction till 1812. Naturally they were fixed at the lowest possible figure, the Justices knowing full well that any deficiency would be paid out of the poor rates, to which all occupiers—that is, the country at large—would be obliged to contribute. There could be but one result from this. Wages would continually fall, and the amount of poor relief as continually rise. As a consequence, the time would ultimately arrive when it would require the whole of the rent from land in order to relieve the poor. Indeed, that condition was being approached and would undoubtedly have been reached but for the discovery of steam power and machine weaving, which, as will appear later on, created a great demand for labor and raised wages.

In spite of all these difficulties, however, the men continued to combine, and the legislature to pass laws against combination. The revolution of 1688 gave no liberties to the artisans and the peasants. In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it was ordained that "journey-men should make no unlawful assemblies, brotherhoods, congregations, and flockings together." The Act of 2 and 3 Ed. VI, c. 15 (see *ante*, p. 7) was confirmed by 22-23 Charles II, and remained in force until repealed

Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

Question—My wife is expecting our second child. She is due to enter the hospital in about two weeks. Every arrangement I've tried to make to have our two-year-old son taken care of while she is away seems to blow up in my face. We don't have any relatives in San Francisco and friends who were going to care for the boy have moved away. I can't quit my job or take a vacation to look after the youngster. Do you know where I can get help? If it matters, I'm of Protestant faith.

Answer—There is a Community Chest agency in San Francisco which has been set up to meet just such situations of temporary emergency as yours. It is called the Infant Shelter, located at 1201 Ortega street. In order to place your son at Infant Shelter during your wife's confinement, applications should be made through the Family and Children's Agency, which is non-sectarian, at 1010 Gough street. There, you can also get information and help on placing the child in a temporary foster home, if that seems the better course. For persons of other faith, Infant Shelter applications are taken through Catholic Social Service, and Homewood Terrace. They also can be taken at the Native Sons and Daughters and the American Red Cross. The last-named agency is especially designed to help veterans in similar situations.

(AFL members are invited to send inquiries on their personal or family problems to the Community Chest Information Service, 45 Second street, San Francisco 5; all inquiries should be addressed to the attention of Frank Fitzgerald.)

Pictureless Cartoon

Two crusty old hunters sat behind a blind, guns poised for action, when a teal duck whizzed over them with the speed of light. Neither had time to fire, but one of them raised his gun and waited expectantly.

"What the devil are you doing?" barked the other hunter.

"Shut up!" rejoined the man with the upraised gun. "Ef the world is round like they say, that dern duck will be over again in a minute!"

Wisdom

"Stocks went down one day. Why? The government predicted a good wheat crop. Think of a civilization in which a good crop of breadstuff is bad news."—Lincoln Steffens.

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

(Member of S. F. Typographical Union No. 21)

CHRISTMAS—BIRTHDAY OF A FRIEND

He came not with a stock of pills, pink powders for imagined ills. He spoke no soothing praise of those responsible for others' woes. Instead, wherever Misery stalked, wherever Truth was bought or balked, He lived the righteous way He talked. *This Friend of Mine.*

He heard the weary mother's sigh, the lowest creature's softest cry. He separated grain and chaff with parables to make folks laugh. He helped the many and the few who always have so much to do they lose a sense of values true. He brought them peace and blessed them, too. *This Friend of Mine.*

He heard the cautious creeds men said, and gave to them their daily bread. He warred with sin with all He had, but found the sinner not so bad. He scorned the choice of pomp and pride. He dared to speak when rulers lied. So, naturally, they crucified *This Friend of Mine.*

by 6 Geo. IV, c. 129. The stringent laws, too, to which workingmen were subjected after the Restoration, rendered their position far from comfortable or just. As if the statutes were not sufficiently rigorous, the construction of the existing laws, the offence of conspiracy, originally referred to combinations for the purpose of procuring false evidence, or of committing some crime, was extended to associations of workmen whose purpose was to raise wages. Even so late as the end of the last century the farm laborer had no right to sell his labor in the best market, but was compelled to work for any employer in his parish who chose to demand his services at a price fixed by statute. It was not until 1795 that a workman could legally travel in search of employment out of his own parish. In 1545 the City of London complained that the importation of foreign manufactures was ruining the country, and demanded low wages as a remedy. In 1680 there was, as there is now, the cry that if we paid our artisans high wages we should be unable to compete with foreign countries. In that year Mr. John Bassett, the member for Barnstable, remarked that it was impossible for our textures to maintain a competition with the produce of the Indian looms.

(Continued Next Week)

Teamsters' Co-operation Pledged in Lumber Strike

EUREKA—Big and powerful AFL Teamsters, a union of 900,000, came into the redwoods to cinch tight an iron collar choking the flow of unfair lumber from the open shop mills of northwest California.

International Representative James Cronin led his teamsters into the field to follow the pincher attack of Strike Leader A. W. Muir: a two-pronged drive to convert to union operation all the many mills independent of the monopolist California Redwood Association, and to paralyze the products of the picketed plants.

With these men who haul the lumber from mill to market was forged the last link of a chain now encircling the redwood monopolies, whose adamant rejection of union shop and wage agreements has prolonged the dispute.

Lumber workers hailed appearance of the teamsters at a regular Redwood District Council meeting last week as a satisfaction of demands for more "positive" action against such major mills as have been able to achieve partial operation behind picket lines.

Muir welcomed the teamsters as "allies with whom we'll soon stop the flow of lumber from scab mills and together preserve for the economic future of this area those free operations independent of the big monopolies."

Cronin in reply pledged "full and absolute" co-operation of teamsters with lumber workers and carpenters "to the mutual advantage of each and the ultimate benefit of all Organized Labor."

Swelling support for the redwood strike from Seattle to Indiana was reported at the council meeting and was reflected in a heartening financial report showing substantial solvency. Donations were tallied from Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho. The Northern California District Council of Lumber Workers voted the standard \$1 per member per month assessment. "Hot" lumber cars were reported tied up in Indiana, en route to Eastern market and in Arizona, en route to Mexico's export market.

Bill for Annual Wage Plan

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Following a White House call, Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming told reporters that he will introduce legislation in the new Congress for a guaranteed annual wage in basic industries, such as steel and coal. O'Mahoney said he told President Truman of his plan which he will seek to incorporate in legislation thought certain to be introduced. He explained that his guaranteed wage plan could not be made mandatory but that it could be encouraged if the government granted tax offsets to employers applying it.

New York Construction High

ALBANY, N. Y. (ILNS)—Construction workers in New York State averaged higher weekly earnings in September than in any other month on record, according to reports submitted to Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi of the State Department of Labor. Earnings were \$60.75 for an average work week of 37.4 hours in September. The record high previously reached was in June 1945, when employees averaged \$60.09 for a 40.2 hour week.

On Full Time Basis

S. C. ("Spence") Spencer, popular president of Elevator Starters and Operators' Union, No. 117, has been placed on full time status by his union. He is to assist Phil Deredi in organizing and other duties arising. Mr. Spencer, up to the time of his appointment, was employed by the San Francisco Labor Council Hall Association.

Christmas Party

Christmas bells will ring for Office Employees, No. 3, Tuesday, December 17, at the Whitcomb Hotel when members of the union will gather for their annual Yuletide party. A grand time is promised and a sumptuous dinner will be enjoyed.

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Macanley, Wesley D.—Member of Varnishers and Polishers' 134.

Tsatsoglou, Anastasios—December 2; Sailors' Union of Pacific.

Rooffener, Naomi—December 3; Retail Clerks' 1100.

Patton, William P.—December 4; Stereotypers and Electrotypers' 29.

Cates, Jack W.—December 5; Bakery Wagon Drivers' 484.

Wayman, George W.—December 7; Elevator Operators' 117.

Gollan, Alfred C.—December 8; Typographical 21.

Olson, Capt. Erick O.—December 9; Masters, Mates and Pilots' 40.

Ebert, Charles—December 9; Bakers' 24.

Sumner, William H.—December 9; Carmen 1380.

Glenn, Relia—December 10, trustee of Waitresses' 48.

McKeon, William—December 10; charter member of Teamsters' 85.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Metz, Reinhardt—In San Anselmo December 7; Plumbers' 442.

Silberstein, Jacob—In Berkeley December 10; Chauffeurs' 265.

Machinist Lodge 1327 Elects 1947 Officers

Members of Production Machine Operators and Aeronautical Lodge No. 1327, IAM, voted Tuesday, December 10, for five groups of officers for the ensuing year of 1947. Those successful were:

Sentinel—Carl Reischel.

Law and Legislative Committee—Ted Hartje, Bill Kahrau and Cornelius LeVan.

Executive Committee—Chris Amadio, Arent Boysen, Bert Fouch, Jim Glasson, Eleanor Harrington, Don Lopus, Bob Muircroft, Robert J. Simons, Ernie Smith, Lewis Smith, Al Stabile and Albert Vucinovich.

California Conference of Machinists—John E. Byrnes, Emmett Campion, Clifford Miller, and Robert Paterson.

Bay Cities Metal Trades Council—Arent Boysen, Clifford Miller and Robert Paterson.

New York Strikes Ended

ALBANY, N. Y. (ILNS)—About 18,700 workers returned to their jobs from 42 strikes ended through action of the State Mediation Board during October, Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi reported. The board helped avert 44 other threatened work stoppages that would have involved 12,750 workers, he added.

A rumor is being spread around the Bay Area that Wieland Beer is made by non-union workers. It is asserted that CIO brewery workers are circulating the rumor in hopes of creating a division among local AFL Labor. The beer is 100 per cent union and the workers are affiliated with an AFL union.

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Union Label Show Planned for 1947

The Union Label Section of the San Francisco Labor Council tentatively announced through its secretary, Thomas A. Rotell, that plans were being laid for a gigantic Union Label Show, to be held in the Civic Auditorium during September of 1947.

The announcement, made to the delegates of the San Francisco Labor Council on Friday evening, December 6, followed a report by Rotell on the recent label show held in St. Louis by the Union Label Trades Department of the AFL. San Francisco had entered a bid for the 1947 show of the department. It was disclosed that the national organization will not hold a show next year.

The success of previous shows warranted the 1947 showing of union label goods and services, Rotell stated. A full and comprehensive report from the local label section will be made in the near future. The month of the show will coincide nicely with several Labor conventions to be held here and will be an opener for the national convention of the American Federation of Labor meeting in San Francisco in October.

All manufacturers of union label products as well as employers in the service trades are to be invited to participate. Unions will also be invited to actively take part in the show which, based on early information, promises to surpass all previous shows. Entertainment of high caliber will be secured.

Army Draft Plan Assailed

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—The Army's plan for compulsory military training seeks to enlist the Nation's educational institutions in teaching "the inevitableness of war," Dr. Francis J. Brown, executive secretary of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education and staff associate of the American Council on Education, charged here. "It is an admission that it is not the military skills that are important, but the indoctrination of attitudes," he declared. "And, even more, it enlists the co-operation of established educational institutions in the indoctrination of the inevitableness of war—that armed might is the only basis of world organization."

Women to Hold Jobs

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—A high percentage of women engaged in 10 war production plants surveyed by the Labor Department's Women's Bureau plan to continue at work, the bureau reported. The study showed that three-fourths of all women workers interviewed planned to hold their jobs.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Alfred C. Gollan, well known trade compositor and member of the union for a half century, passed away on Sunday, December 8. The deceased member, a native of Scotland, is survived by a widow, Anna Gollan; two sons, Gordon (a member of No. 21) and Ralph; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Perkins; two brothers and four grandchildren. Funeral services, under the auspices of the Masonic order, were held on Tuesday at Gray's mortuary.

Union meeting Sunday, 1 p.m., Labor Temple. Every member should make this a "must" date. The scale committee will report on the conferences with the newspaper publishers and commercial employers looking toward consummation of contracts for the coming year. At the time these notes are being written there appears a possibility that one contract, at least, might be ready for submission to the meeting for adoption. Hence an unusually large attendance is anticipated.

Media Records' compilation of newspaper advertising lineage for 52 cities in October, 1946, show an increase of 20.5 per cent over the like month of 1945. The advertising lineage of the four principal San Francisco newspapers was exceeded by but nine cities. The *Call-Bulletin* for October carried 819,378 lines for a gain of 20 per cent over the 1945 month; the *News*, 903,421 lines for a gain of 49 per cent; the *Chronicle*, 1,200,437 lines for a gain of 30 per cent; the *Examiner*, 1,491,475 lines for a gain of 29 per cent. The percentage increase for San Francisco was 31 per cent in contrast to 20.5 per cent for 52 principal cities.

Ed Tracy of the *Reardon & Krebs* chapel was the recipient, last week, of congratulations from his fellow workers. On December 7, Mrs. Tracy presented Ed with a fine eight-pound son, who joins two daughters in the Tracy home. Ed, one of our veteran trainees, saw extended military service abroad.

Press dispatches on Monday reported that Detroit Typographical Union had accepted an increase of \$11.08 offered by the newspaper publishers. Detroit's former scale was \$74.42 for 37½ hours. No change other than in wages was reported.

Following acceptance by Cleveland Typographical Union of the \$10 weekly increase from the newspapers of that city, the pressmen's union of the same city entered into a new contract calling for an identical money increase.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

The annual Christmas bazaar was held as planned and the Ways and Means Committee pronounced it a financial success. There were an even dozen members present. We were happy and surprised to welcome Mrs. Georgia Holderby and Mrs. Sophie Rosenthal, who came with a friend. Sophie and Georgia are both looking fine. Mrs. Nora Swensen brought her friend, Mrs. Ida Fox, who donated a pair of crocheted Pants Pot Holders, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Penn. Mr. Penn, employed by the Recorder Printing Co., carried home the grocery basket. Mrs. Laura D. Moore presented a friend, Mrs. H. C. Palmer. Mrs. Palmer won a beautiful chocolate cake, baked by Mrs. Bertha Bailey. The name of the nice jolly couple from Washington has escaped, but we appreciate their part in making this event a success. Other guests who enjoyed Mrs. Louise Abbott's famous spaghetti and home-made cake by Mrs. Johanna Allyn and Mrs. Betsy Haines were the gentlemen, Ernest Stradtman, Will Swensen, Harry Young, Bert Allyn and Johnny Kriese. Mrs. Roby Wilchman came with her niece, Lenore. It was a nice happy, friendly gathering and everyone had an enjoyable evening. If anyone had any money left, they didn't let the chairman of the committee know it. The remainder of the merchandise will be put on sale at the regular meetings until it has been disposed of. Many thanks, from the members of the committee, to everyone for their generosity and goodfellowship.

Don't forget the Annual Christmas Party to be held immediately after the next regular meeting, Tuesday evening, December 17, in Sagamore Hall, Red Men's Building, 240 Golden Gate avenue. The meeting will start at exactly 7:45 and adjourn at 8:45. Mrs. Betsy Haines, chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and her co-workers have planned a pleasant evening. Everyone is requested to bring an exchange gift for herself and each guest, valued at 35 cents. It will be more fun if all gifts

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Bay Area Labor Week

DECEMBER 4—Unfounded rumors that Oakland's general strike would spread to San Francisco being circulated; AFL officials deny authenticity of the statement. . . Teamster International Vice President Dave Beck orders Oakland Teamsters back to work in Oakland with the exception where the struck stores enter into the picture.

DECEMBER 5—Oakland general strike called off; strike continues at two stores, origin of the trouble. . . Oakland City Manager Hassler assures Organized Labor that city police will not be used to protect non-union trucks and personnel and that city will not interfere in the Labor-management dispute.

DECEMBER 6—Confusion created in Oakland general strike "call off" . . . crab fishermen tie up boats until glutted market is cleared and until they are assured of 15 cents per pound for their catch; union is affiliated with CIO. . . Board of Supervisors of S. F. are to hear Carmen's Union 1380 request for shorter work week.

DECEMBER 7—Negotiations in the Oakland Kahn and Hastings dispute will get under way December 9. . . grocery clerks of S. F. will meet in membership meeting to consider future action against employers refusing to go through with agreement to the union's compromise offer after it was apparently agreed to.

DECEMBER 8—Preparations for two important Labor-management meetings in final stage for December 9—Kahns and Hastings negotiations and meeting of Pharmacists' Union, No. 838, to consider new contract. . . grocery clerks ready for meeting December 9 to make decision of their action following employers' refusal to agree to contract and the granting by the Labor Council of strike sanction.

DECEMBER 9—Negotiators in Oakland store strikes met briefly, issued a short statement and adjourned to meet again December 10. . . San Francisco union pharmacists' negotiations bogged down; strike action granted by Labor Council. . . local grocery clerks voting on proposed contract to be submitted to employers.

DECEMBER 10—Redwood lumber workers picket four lumber yards in Santa Rosa which were assertedly being used as "store room" for scab lumber. . . Alameda AFL Labor emphatically denies that "comics" took leading part in general strike as Communists assert they did.

Anti-Racial Drive Support Urged

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—An urgent appeal to all unions affiliated with the AFL to throw their full weight behind the drive to resist all efforts to penalize minority groups on grounds of race, color or creed was sounded by AFL President William Green.

In a letter to all international and national unions, State Federations of Labor, City Central Labor Unions and Councils and directly affiliated unions, Mr. Green called attention to resolutions passed at the recent national convention of the AFL in Chicago, sharply condemning such discriminatory practices.

Old-timer Passes

Death came to William P. Patton, member of San Francisco Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union, No. 29, on December 4. He had been employed in the San Francisco *Examiner* chapel for 42 years and was on the union's pension roll for the past two years.

are of equal value—35 cents—no more, no less. Come and bring your family and friends.

Due to the absence of our president, Mrs. Loraine Kriese, First Vice-President Mary E. Haines will serve as chairman at the December meeting.

John F. Kriese was delighted to hear that his brother, Tom, and his wife, Lucille, have a son born Thanksgiving Day, November 28. Tom was stationed at Treasure Island during the war and Lucille made her home with John and Loraine for a while. Although John has several nieces, this is his only nephew. The young man has been named John Thomas Kriese.

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Mailers' Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The December union meeting of Mailers' Union, No. 18, will be held at Labor Temple the coming Sunday.

Berne Chedester, *Chronicle* chapel, has sold his home here. The past week he has been at Smith River, looking after the completion of his new residence on his farm near there. And when completed, himself and wife, will "move in" to engage in the horticultural activities of raising plant bulbs.

A. Sultan, *Chronicle* chapel, "pulled his slip" last week, returning to his position as assistant engineer in the marine service.

G. F. Fletcher resigned his "sit" on the *Chronicle*, accepting a regular situation on the *Wall Street Journal*.

In a recent referendum on the question of voting salary increases to the officers and other employees of "Big Six," New York Typographical Union, the members voted to "up" the salaries of the "other employees," but not that of the president and secretary. It is rumored, as a result of the "ballot battle," the two latter officers may resign their union portfolios. Apparently, not all vote surprises occur in the mad race of candidates for public office.

Union Printers Golf Association

By C. ADDIE CART

Had a chat with Secretary Bob Smith the other p.m. and he had little or nothing to say. . . there will be no board meeting this month because of the holidays, thus affording your directors more time for Christmas shopping, etc. . . the Cullenward Cup was won for 1946-47 by ex-President Earl Mead, and Earl admits it makes a mighty pretty mantel piece, though he admits Junior has been howling for it to drink his milk from—can you imagine? . . . Elmer Darr, another board member, copped the McDermott Trophy and has it prominently displayed over the fireplace in his home for all visitors to "oh" and "ah" about when they hear the tales of his golfing prowess and what he had to do to win a trophy like that—even Papa Harry walks around like a pouter pigeon during such recitations. . . And who do you think's in town for the Yule holidays—none other than ex-board member and golf nut extraordinary, Victor Lansberry, who, with his family, will visit a flock of relatives in the Bay Area while here from his Idaho home. . . And will Charles Russell, the Stockton slicker, get a surprise one of these days; Charley won a buffet set at the Annual and the creamer was cracked, so Charles asked "what are the chances of getting a good one?"; well, the committee took the matter up with the manufacturers and a new pitcher has arrived without a crack in it and will be forwarded to Charles as soon as the shipping department get around to it during the holiday rush; but you'll get it, Charlie, one of these days. . . Saw Prexy "Steam" Nicholson Breen's-bound the other evening; presume he needed a shot of schnapps before dinner, or maybe he just wanted to talk to Jerry Hansen, the manager and another golf bug who frequents printer turnouts. . . Talked with the secretary of the park commission about Sharp Park for the January (1947) inaugural and he assured us it is on the agenda for the commission's action at their meeting Friday; hope the action was favorable for Sharp is a favorite spot and the new year turnout should get away to a good start. . . And by the way, in '47 we play on the second Sunday of the month and have hopes of Oakland printers getting in on the competition though we have heard no more lately from Joe Chaudet on the subject, but old Joe is a hustler and no doubt will whip up enthusiasm in the East Bay sooner or later. . . "Doc" Schneider, "Mayor" Kimbrough, "Scotty" Cameron and "Uncle Cy" Stright are hitting the fairways every Monday, keeping in form for the new schedule; the former particularly, is hitting the ball a mile at present and has high hopes to annex the championship in the new year, and we hope he does, but he'll have to beat some good men to do it. . . Had word that the Sharp Park "faithful," Charles White, Art Linkous, Percy Crebassa, Ted Van Hook, and others are consistently seen getting in their licks and, incidentally, garnering a few dimes each week-end. Well, the secretary didn't have much to say, but it at least served its purpose.

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SYNOPSIS OF MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, HELD FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1946

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by President Shelley.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS—All present except Sergeant-at-Arms Kelly, who was excused; Brother Costa acting as Sergeant-at-Arms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the Labor Clarion.

CREDENTIALS—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Furniture Workers' Union, Local No. 3141—Louis Burke, Joseph C. Moreno and John B. Oddone; Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen, Stage Riggers and Helpers No. 3116—Harvey Garabedian vice Ray Probert.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14—H. C. Ray, Ruth Capp, John Rowan, Russell R. Dreyer and James Sturgeon; Waiters No. 30—Pete Lallas, and Brewers No. 893—Frank Mayer. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From the San Francisco Web Pressmen's Union No. 4 enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by their union condemning the action of the Council in suspending their delegate, Daniel C. Murphy, for a period of 60 days. Motion was made that a copy of the Web Pressmen's report be sent to the Web Pressmen. Carried. From Barbers' Local Union No. 148 advising they had concurred in the resolution of the Council to support the Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys. A like communication was received from Dry Dock, Marine Waysmen and Stage Riggers No. 3116. From California State Council of Retail Clerks No. 2, announcing they had settled the difficulties of the aggrieved unions with the Federal Outfitting Stores, Inc. From Department of State, Washington, D. C., thanking the Council for making their views on human rights known to the Government in the form of a resolution concurred in October 11. From the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council enclosing copy of resolution adopted by the Marin County Lodge 238 of Machinists with regard to veterans' subsistence allotments. From the National Federation of the Blind thanking the Council for its support and contribution. Minutes of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council dated November 21, 1946. From the California State Federation of Labor Weekly News Letter, dated November 27 and December 4, 1946.

BILLS were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Working agreements submitted by Office Employees Local No. 3, Window Cleaners' Union No. 44 and Packers and Preservice Workers' Union, Local 20989. From the Local Joint Executive Board of Culinary Workers requesting strike sanction against The Plantation, 349 Sutter street; Ever-Fresh, 424 Geary Street; Loop, 518 Mission street, and the Adriatic, 318 Polk street. From Furniture Workers' Union, Local 3141, requesting strike sanction against various bedding and furniture concerns in San Francisco.

RESOLUTION—From the Sacramento Federated Trades Council on the subject of anti-Labor legislation; adopted.

REFERRED TO THE LABOR CLARION—Letter from President William Green requesting full co-operation in complying with resolutions passed at the 65th annual convention regarding the abolition of racial discrimination in trade unions. From the California State Federation of Labor asking that any unions considering a voluntary plan as provided for under the Shelley Disability Act, first consult their legal staff before adopting it. From the Union Label Trades Department, Washington, D. C., urging union members to buy only union label gifts for Christmas. From the Council of City Employees enclosing photostatic copy of Action 341616 in the Superior Court of San Francisco, Scannel vs. Daniel C. Murphy. Motion was made that copy also be sent to Web Pressmen; carried.

REFERRED TO SECRETARY—Letter from Dr. J. C. Geiger, Director of Public Health, advising there will be a meeting in January of next year concerning an educational program for better sanitation in food establishments. President Shelley referred this communication to the Secretary, with the request that a preliminary meeting be called of all unions handling food so that proper representation may be made by Labor.

REPORT OF THE UNION LABEL SECTION—Vice-President Rotell reported for the Union Label Section on his recent attendance at the national exhibition held in St. Louis. Announcement was made that the Union Label Exhibition would be held next year during the month of September in San Francisco at the Civic Auditorium. A discussion ensued on the importance of buying only Union Label merchandise since the shortage of materials could no longer be used to explain the absence of union labels, a wartime measure. President Shelley asked that a report be submitted by the Union Label Section at the first meeting of the Council in January, and a campaign outlined toward the furtherance of the Union Label cause. It was also requested that a complete list of all stores selling Union Label merchandise in San Francisco be compiled and submitted to the Labor Clarion for publication.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Monday, November 25, 1946.) Meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., by Chairman Shelley. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, requesting strike sanction against the Retail Liquor Stores. Mr. Driscoll was present representing the stores and Brothers Hill and Johns were present representing the union. The new agreement calls for a change in the vacation clause, scale for Sunday work and a marked increase in the wage scale. A meeting was arranged by the committee for Wednesday at 2 p. m. Brothers O'Connell and Rotell were appointed as a sub-committee to sit with the clerks and assist them. In the matter of the Grocery Clerks No. 648, requesting strike sanction against the Retail Grocers' Association, Safeway Stores, Purity Stores and Wissman Stores; present representing the employers were Messrs. Hirschner, Tissier, Lerman and Alderman, and Brother Jinkerson, and others were present representing the Union; Brothers Brodke, Savin and Hill of the clerks. Apparently an impasse had been reached in reference to the new wage scale and agreement and your committee appointed Brothers Shelley and Phillips to assist the Union in

these negotiations, to report back to the committee. A meeting was arranged for 2 p. m., at 525 Market street, on Wednesday. In the matter of the Florists, Landscapers, Golf and Nursery Workers, No. 167, requesting strike sanction against the Montgomery Pest Control Company, 1161 Post street. Brothers Guiney and Kielegger were present representing the union; no one appeared for the company. This matter involves the organization of 12 men employed in this concern. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of the American Federation of Radio Artists in their controversy with the radio stations; the union was represented by Brothers Christie and Trefts; also present were Mr. McCarty of KQW, Messrs. Greaves and Elwood of NBC, and Brothers Burns, Moore and Weber of Musicians No. 6. This agreement is now being negotiated in the city of New York. Your secretary was instructed to communicate with President Green of the American Federation of Labor to intervene and assist in their negotiations. In the matter of the Local Joint Board of Culinary Workers requesting strike sanction against Nick Fridas, 2802 Mission street, and the Stork Club, 200 Hyde street; Sister Wheeler and Brother Burke were present representing the Joint Board. After hearing all parties at interest, the committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. The wage scale and agreement of the Street Car-men No. 1380 for its people employed on the California Street Cable Railway; present representing the union were Brothers Wilson, O'Brien and Mann to explain the different changes in their new agreement. Your committee appointed Brothers O'Connell, Rotell and Goldberger to sit with the Car-men and assist in bringing about a satisfactory arrangement with the company. Meeting adjourned at 11 p. m. (Report of the Committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Monday, December 2, 1946.) Meeting was called at 8 p. m. by Chairman Shelley. Roll was called and absentees noted. In the matter of the Local Joint Executive Board requesting strike sanction against Mrs. Eileen Joyce, 201 Powell street; Sisters Finkenbinder and LeVan were present representing the union and Mr. and Mrs. Joyce appeared. After hearing all parties at interest, your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted. In the matter of the Marine's Memorial Club and the Almo Grill, the secretary was instructed to send these matters back to the Joint Board, no committee appearing for the Joint Board. In the matter of Pharmacists No. 838, requesting strike sanction against the Retail Druggists and various chain stores; representatives from both sides were present and your committee appointed the President and Brother Johns to sit with the Drug Clerks at a meeting that was arranged for 10:30 a. m., Thursday, in the Cunard Building, with instructions to report back to the committee. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—(Special meeting held Friday, December 6, 1946.) Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Chairman Shelley. Roll was called and absentees noted. A sub-committee reported on conferences with the Grocery Clerks and the Retail Grocers' Association. Both sides agreed to recommend a settlement that was arrived at, but the employers did not keep their end of the bargain. Your committee recommends that strike sanction be granted against any or all employers who refuse to sign an agreement embodying the compromise terms suggested by the Labor Council Committee and accepted by the Negotiating Committee, representing the San Francisco Re-

Grocery and Drug Clerks Endeavoring Settlement

In an endeavor to settle their differences with their employers, Retail Grocery Clerks and members of Pharmacists' Union were seeking basis for settlement consistent with union procedure as copy for this issue was prepared. The members of the unions have ratified wage and other demands and are submitting them to individual employers for acceptance. Both unions have received strike sanction from the San Francisco Labor Council.

In the case of the Grocery Clerks, last week it was thought that their negotiations were settled. The secretary of the employers' group had given such information to the daily press. The day after Thanksgiving, the Labor Council sub-committee assisting the clerks, John F. Shelley and Wendell Phillips, sat with the employers, doing exploratory work. A second was held and a compromise proposal was submitted and received favorable action by the employers. A third meeting was held in which the language of the agreement was gone into to avoid future misunderstandings; agreement was had from the employers. It looked like the matter would be settled following the procedure of the employers voting. The employers made an about-face and rejected the compromise offer. It was stated that the chain store managements was favorable to the proposal, yet they did not vote on it.

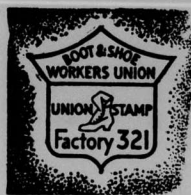
Pharmacists' Union, No. 838, has offered the employers a contract calling for \$375 monthly for registered pharmacists (48-hour week), and \$43 weekly for clerks and stockroom workers, five-day week of 40 hours.

all Grocers' Association, Safeway Stores, Inc., Wissman and Purity Stores, Ltd. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Delegate Joseph Lynch, Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278, reported progress in their boycott against Farmer Brothers Coffee Company. Brother Joseph Sullivan, Typographical Union No. 21, urged the delegates to request their unions not to patronize unfair magazines when giving Christmas subscriptions. Delegate Phillips, Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484, thanked the Council for assistance in settling their recent difficulties with employers. Delegate Ahern, Bottlers No. 896, denied the rumor promulgated by the CIO that Wielands Beer is unfair, and reported for the delegates' information that it is 100 per cent union made.

RECEIPTS, \$2,050.10; DISBURSEMENTS, \$3,551.26.
Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p. m.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.



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Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 844 Market, 119 Kearny.	1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).	Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo Ave., Oakland.
Advance Pattern Company, 552 Mission.	Drake Cleaners and Dyers.	Shangra-La Beauty Salon, 1677 Washington.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.	Farmer Bros.' Coffee	Sloane, W. & J.
Becker Distributing Company.	Forrester Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.	Smith, C. C., Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Bruener, John, Company.	Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.	Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
B & G Sandwich Shops.	Gates Rubber Company, 2700 - 16th St.	Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
California Watch Case Company.	General Distillers, Ltd., 136 Front St.	Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
California Chocolates Company, 137 Grant avenue.	Goldstone Bros., Manufacturers of overalls and working men's clothing.	Swift & Co.
Chan Quon, photo engraver, 680 Clay.	Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.	"Time" and "Life" (magazines), products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
Curtis Publishing Co. (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman," "Holiday."	National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.	Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central,	O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co., Products, Los Angeles.	
	Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.	
	Remington-Rand, Inc., 509 Market.	
	Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.	
	Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.	

All non-union independent taxicabs.
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Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hair-

dressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Locksmith Shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

Verification Given Sheriff Murphy Action

Web Pressmen's Union, No. 4, recently gave to the daily press a resolution condemning the action of the San Francisco Labor Council in finding Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy guilty of a number of charges. The resolution also instructed the union to withdraw its delegates from the council. It was intimated that certain findings of the trial committee were untrue. To disprove such a claim, the AFL Council of City Employees, who placed the charges against Mr. Murphy, forwarded to the Labor Council secretary the following communication, which was read to the delegates at the December 6 meeting of the council:

"We are attaching herewith a photostatic copy, duly certified by the County Clerk of San Francisco, of Action 341616 in the Superior Court of San Francisco, Scannell vs. Daniel C. Murphy.

"From this record you will see that on July 1, 1946, the writ of mandate was granted; on October 7, Judgment for Petitioners was filed; on October 14, the Sheriff moved for a new trial; on November 15, the motion for a new trial was denied, and on November 22 the Sheriff appealed the case to the Supreme Court.

"We are submitting this proof to correct the impression given by Sheriff Murphy at the meeting on November 8 in which he claimed that no decision had been rendered in this case. Not only had the Judge rendered a decision, but the Sheriff had already moved for a new trial, and appealing to a higher court, at the time this statement was on the floor of the Labor Council.

"This appeal taken by the Sheriff will cost the employees additional money in their fight to receive the overtime pay for the year 1944-45.

"(signed) MOLLY H. MINUDRI, Secretary.
"December 6, 1946."

Milk Wagon Drivers Elect Their Officers

Members of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, No. 226, went to the polls on Wednesday, December 11, to select a president and a recording secretary, and the following are results of the balloting:

For President—Charles Brown, 125; Eddie J. Dennis, 359, and Jimmie Higgins, 350.

Recording Secretary—Bill Hart, 577, and John Netherton, 256.

The election laws of the union make it necessary for a majority of votes cast for election, therefore, a run-off election will be held for the presidency on Wednesday, December 18.

Other officers returned to their respective offices without opposition are: Fred Wettstein, secretary; Dan Coleman, vice-president; Steve Gilligan, business representative. Members of the board of trustees elected are Jack Sullivan (three-year term) and Arthur J. Lawrence, who was elected to complete a one-year term left vacant by Bill Hart.

Carl Barnes, who has served No. 226 for 11 years as president, declined nomination this year. Mr. Barnes has guided his union through some trying times and leaves the union's official family with the best wishes of its members. His plans for the future are not known at this time.

Storm Troopers Scrap Charter

ATLANTA (WDL)—Faced with a suit for revocation of its charter, Columbians, Inc., storm trooper organization, ripped up its charter and mailed the pieces to Assistant State Attorney Daniel Duke, whom Governor Ellis Arnall assigned to initiate the action. While Homer L. Loomis, Jr., secretary of the organization, was putting the scraps of charter in an envelope, several khaki-shirted members at the meeting shouted: "Give the pieces to the Jews" and "send the pieces to Governor Arnall." Loomis then announced: "We don't need a charter. Now we have become the Columbian Party and we will control Atlanta within six or eight months."

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Suits for Damages Filed Against Mendocino Police

FORT BRAGG—Damage suits aggregating more than \$30,000 were filed against Mendocino County police and imported strikebreakers as outgrowth of violence against AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers' pickets in the red-wood lumber strike.

Sheriff Beverly Broadus and five other officers were charged with false arrest, imprisonment and assault in personal damage actions filed by AFL attorneys Clarence Todd and Gordon Mallatratt on behalf of pickets injured in this area.

In the largest suit, Ward Phillips, Jr., is asking \$25,000 damages of Broadus, Ward Reis, Reno Bartolomic, John Witter, Jack Wilson and Alex Johansson. Phillips alleges the officers took him from his home admittedly without warrant, and illegally detained him in police cars all night while questioning him in connection with a fire October 11 at the struck Union Lumber Company mill here. He was subsequently released without formal charges being placed against him.

John Bundte, 34, is asking \$2,500 damages for allegedly being blackjacked by Reis while another deputy held his arms in what Bundte charges was an "unprovoked, unwarranted assault." The alleged attack occurred a month ago while Bundte picketed a railroad spur leading into the Union Lumber Company.

Byron Potter, 21, a recent Navy dischargee, is asking \$2,592 personal damages suffered when he was allegedly stabbed by a strikebreaker imported from Arizona by the Rockport Lumber Company, north of Fort Bragg.

Veterans in Drive For Housing Bill

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., national housing chairman of the American Veterans' Committee (AVC), announced here the opening of a four-day campaign by AVC's 850 chapters to secure Congressional support for the Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill and municipal, State, and national guarantees against rent boosts.

Roosevelt said that delegates from AVC chapters in every State in the Union would visit legislators and political leaders to press for support of the AVC housing program.

"AVC wants rent control and the Wagner-Ellender-Taft Bill as prime requisites in meeting the Nation-wide housing crisis," Roosevelt said. "We intend to let every Congressman and political leader know how we feel."

Secretaries, Take Note

If your union is holding an election of officers in the near future, or has held an election recently, forward the results to the *Labor Clarion*. We believe such elections are of sufficient interest to warrant publication in your Labor paper. May we urge your co-operation.

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—Marking an increase of 50 per cent over the previous peak, more than 2,000,000 students were attending the colleges and universities throughout the United States at the opening of the fall terms this year, it was revealed by the Federal Security Agency.



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